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TAGS: PREL, MARR, MOPS, OAU, UN, RW

SUBJECT: FRENCH WANT TO URGE UNSYG ON RWANDAN BORDER
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REF: A) STATE 94999, B) KIGALI 1364, C) USUN 1545

1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT. THIS IS AN ACTION CABLE
(SEE PARA 5).

2. FRENCH MISSION CONTACTED USUN TO SEEK USG
CONCURRENCE IN STRESSING TO UNSYG BOUTROS-GHALI, DURING
THE TRIPARTITE FRENCH/US/BELGIAN DEMARCHE ON ZAIRE, THAT
A BORDER FORCE IS URGENTLY NEEDED FOR RWANDA. FRENCH
MISSOFF SAID A BORDER FORCE ON THE UGANDAN SIDE OF THE

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BORDER COULD BE ESTABLISHED SEPARATELY FROM THE OTHER TWO FORCES MENTIONED IN SC RESOLUTION 812, AND WOULD SEND THE SIGNAL THAT THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY IS RESOLVED TO HELP RWANDA.

3. THE FRENCH ENVISAGE A FORCE OF 100 MONITORS TO BE ORGANIZED INTO 5 MOBILE TEAMS, 5 PERMANENT TEAMS TO BE STATIONED ON THE MAIN ROADS, AND 2 HELICOPTERS. SUCH A PRESENCE WOULD BE ABLE TO DETECT ANY MAJOR MOVEMENTS OF TRUCKS ACROSS THE BORDER. FRENCH MISOFF COMMENTED THAT THE BUFFER FORCE IS A MORE COMPLICATED ENDEAVOR, WHICH COULD TAKE A WHILE TO SET UP. HE CLAIMED THAT THE BELGIANS AGREED THAT THIS RWANDAN MATTER COULD BE BROUGHT UP WITH THE SYG. BELGIAN MISOFF SUBSEQUENTLY CONFIRMED THIS, BUT NOTED THAT BELGIUM HAD TOLD THE FRENCH THEY HAD TO 1) TAKE THE LEAD AND 2) CHECK WITH THE AMERICANS.

4. UN PEACEKEEPING OFFICIAL ISEL RIVERO INFORMED MISOFF AFTERNOON OF 3/31 THAT SHE WAS BEING SENT THAT
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NIGHT TO RWANDA AS PART OF A MISSION TO ASSESS THE FEASIBILITY AND LOGISTICAL REQUIREMENTS OF A BORDER FORCE. SHE WILL BE ACCOMPANYING GEN. BARIL AND A COLONEL, BOTH OF WHOM ARE CURRENTLY IN SOMALIA. THE FACT FINDING TEAM WILL RETURN ON APRIL 9 OR 10.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPT PLEASE ADVISE ASAP WHETHER WE WANT THE ISSUE OF THE RWANDAN BORDER FORCE ADDED TO THE AGENDA FOR THE TRIPARTITE MEETING WITH THE SYG ON ZAIRE. B-G LEAVES NEW YORK APRIL 3, SO THE DEMARCHE MUST TAKE PLACE WITHIN THE NEXT DAY OR TWO. ALSO, PLEASE PROVIDE GUIDANCE REQUESTED REF C ON ZAIRE DEMARCHE.

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